18. Rs. 19,700 under "7—Excise—Refunds"

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* On behalf of the Excise Commissioner I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 19,700 under "7—Excise—Refunds". This amount is required on account of the fact that we have to make certain refunds to various parties brought about by various reasons, and these reasons have been explained in the note circulated among the members of the Standing Finance Committee. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction this amount.

Demand put and carried

19. Rs. 81,741 under "11—Forests and Tramway (1) Forests A—1—(b)"

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 81,741 under "11—Forests and Tramway (1) Forests A—1—(B)".

The necessity for this allotment has been explained in the note to the Standing Finance Committee. I may add for the information of the House that the corresponding net surplus over the original budget estimates on account of this additional expenditure is expected to be about a lakh of rupees.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether these wind-fallen and top-broken trees in the Forest can be got removed by the Contractors.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* It is far more profitable to remove them departmentally.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Could it not be sold and the same revenue realised ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* By spending this additional Rs. 81,000 the additional net income is expected to be over a lakh of rupees.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* That is the present estimate?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* We expect the estimate to be correct.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* We have had discussions here showing teak wood trees fetching only Re. 1 per candy. I only want to sound a note of caution. If it is possible to sell and get this one lakh that policy should be adopted. If the Conservator and the Government are fully satisfied that they must spend this money, of course I will say "Yes" at the time of voting. Before spending this money please see whether you can realise the money

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